

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת יתרו

1. What are יתרו's seven names?
  - a. Which six names are used in the תורה? When are they used?
2. Name four men whose mothers-in-law are mentioned in the תורה.  
(Even if the mother's-in-law name isn't given.)<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Which two women in the תורה are called daughters-in-law?<sup>2</sup>
  - b. Which two men in the תורה are called a sons-in-law?<sup>3</sup>
3. Who in פרשת יתרו has the same name as his cousin, except for one letter?
  - a. Who in פרשת יתרו has the same name as his great uncle, except for one letter?
4. יתרו had seven daughters. Who had seven daughters-in-law and all seven are mentioned by name in the תורה?<sup>4</sup>
5. I was mentioned previously in the תורה,  
However my name was not disclosed,  
Indirectly, I almost caused a tragedy,  
I share my name with the one who swore like יוסף.  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?
6. I was done by יעקב in his youth,  
I was done to the מצרים in last week's פרשה,  
I was one of the things יתרו was impressed with.  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?

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#### Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> One is found in each of the following פרשיות: נח, תולדות, מקץ, בשלח.

<sup>2</sup> One in פרשת וישב one פרשצ נח

<sup>3</sup> They are found in פרשת וירא

<sup>4</sup> He didn't have seven sons. *Another Hint?* He is in בראשית.

## **Answers**

1. יתרו, יתר, חובב, רעואל, קיני, ופוטאל  
a. was used when his daughters came back from the באר יתרו when משה shepherded his sheep and in this week's פרשה יתר when he asked permission to leave. פוטאל is in וארא when it says פרשת בלק in קיני is in when he tells משה he is leaving. אלעזר בן אהרן לקח מבנות פוטאל in ספר שופטים is not found in the תורה but is used in חבר. נבואה's בלעם.
2. 1) נח (אם של נעמה) / צלה 2) אמה של רבקה / יצחק 3) יוסף (מדרש according to the דינה or) אשת פוטיפר / 4) כלב 5) ותקח לו אמו - תורה wife is briefly mentioned in the (מחלת בת ישמעאל married עשיו) אשת ישמעאל/ עשיו (הגר) אשה מארץ מצרים (יח, כא) However, this isn't definitive because the מדרש says he had more than one wife. If so, this wife may not have been מחלת's mother.)  
6-9) If we include marriages to sisters then there are an additional three sets. קין and חבל married their twin sisters making חוה their mother-in-law. שמעון married דינה making לאה his mother-in-law. Although according to one שיטה the twins married their sisters, the מפרשים explain they didn't marry their twin but a sister from one of the other אמהות. If so, we don't know who was whose mothers-in-law. (Although it would seem that בני בלה וזלפה and בנימינ had to marry the twins otherwise the בני לאה wouldn't have who to marry, however this doesn't have to be. Firstly, כפשוטו, יוסף didn't marry a twin and secondly רש"י brings says בנימינ had an extra twin. If so, any of the שבטים aside from בנימינ could have married them which would mean we don't know which שבטים of the married לאה)  
a. תמר and שרה  
b. לוט's sons-in-law
3. אלעזר בן אהרן's first cousin was אלעזר  
a. גרשון בן לוי's great uncle was גרשם.
4. יעקב had four wives and עשיו had three.
5. I was mentioned previously in the תורה, פרשת שמות in -  
However my name was not disclosed, - when my father didn't give me a ברית  
Indirectly, I almost caused a tragedy, - my father was almost killed  
I share my name with the one who swore like יוסף. - שים נא ידך תחת ירכי  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. -  
Who am I? - אלעזר
6. Next week....

**Last week's riddle:**

My contemporary and I are similar but different,  
For him there is a remembrance  
for me there isn't,  
We usually don't work together,  
But in this week's פרשה we did.  
Who am I?

## חג הסוכות -

- He is by day, I am by night

- When protecting the בני ישראל from the מצריים

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